

Letter, January 19, 1876, with transcript

Boston University, No. 5 Exeter Place, Boston, Jan. 19th, 1876.

Do you remember Mrs. Barnard the deaf-mute? As she was distressed for money to pay her rent and for coal — I gave her money for coal and Mrs. Sanders gave her enough to pay her rent. I have just discovered that she never paid one cent — but has kept the money for other purposes. She has just written to her landlord telling him that she is going to be married! — and hopes he will wait till March for his rent as her lover will pay it for her! I suppose I shall have to pay one month's rent out of my own pocket as I became security for her for one month! Is this not enough to prevent one almost from ever feeling charitable?